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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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do, Queluz & Co., Amoy. N. MOALE, Foochow, Heng & Co., Shanghai.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KNELL & WAIN, Yohoqua, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & Co.

BANKS.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one day.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent, per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent, per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank and is forwarded free by the Hongkong Post Office to Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,300,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF FRS. \$7,500,000
PRINTERS.....

CO. OF DIRECTORS
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Hon. J. BELL, S. C. MICHAELSEN,
LIVING, Esq.
W. G. BROWN, Esq. J. S. MOSES, Esq.
T. E. DAVIES, Esq. L. POENNECKER, Esq.
J. F. HOLIDAY, Esq. N. A. STEBES, Esq.
Hon. B. LAYTON, E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER,
Hongkong, G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
MANAGER,
Shanghai, E. W. CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG,
Interest Allowed.

ON Our Own Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent, per annum.

6 " 4 per cent.

12 " 5 per cent.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities,

and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Draws granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,

Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 3, 1889.

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Intimations.

CATHAY CHARTER, NO. 1105.

A regular CONVOCATION of the
above CHAPTER will be held in the
Feverishall Hall, Queen's Street, on
MONDAY, the 20th Instant, at 8:30 for
9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are
cordially invited.

Hongkong, March 20, 1889.

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

APPOINTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office
are requested to furnish the Under-
signed with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS
for the year ending 31st December, 1888, in
order that the DISTRIBUTION OF BONUS
may be arranged. Returns not rendered
prior to the 30th DAY OF MARCH INSTANT,
will be adjusted by the OFFICE, and no
Claims or Alterations will be subsequently
admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, Limited.

Hongkong, March 1, 1889.

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Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-
FACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held
at the OFFICE of the Company, Praya Central,
on MONDAY, 25th March, at Three
o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the General
Managers, declaring a Dividend and electing
a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRADING BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 26th
Instant, both days inclusive.

RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 4, 1889.

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THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHEE DUA
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of
the PUNJOM AND SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN
MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held
at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company, No.
6, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong, on
THURSDAY, the 24th day of April, at 3:30
o'clock in the Afternoon, when a sub-
joined Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the
required majority it will be submitted for
Confirmation as a Special Resolution to a
Second Extraordinary Meeting which will
be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

That the Capital of the Company be in-
creased to the sum of \$600,000 legally
current in the Colony of Hongkong by
the creation of 20,000 New Shares of
\$10 each. Subject to any direction
of the Company that may be given by the
Meeting concerning the increase of
Capital, all New Shares shall be offered
to the Members registered on the Day
of the Confirmation of the Resolution
in proportion to existing Shares held
by them, and such offer shall be made
by notice specifying the number of
Shares to which the Member is entitled
and limiting a time within which the
offer, if not accepted, will be deemed to
be declined, and after the expiration of
such time or on the receipt of an inti-
mation from the Member to whom such
notice is given that he declines to accept
the Shares offered, such Shares shall
be dealt with by the Directors in
their discretion.

Dated the 22nd day of March, 1889.

By Order of the Board,

A. O. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

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HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany are requested to go to the
OFFICE as early as possible, and advise
as to NAME they hold in.

ALEXANDER LEVY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 22, 1889.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY,

LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$2,500,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....1,950,00

Board of Directors:

Hon. J. BELL IRVING, CHAIRMAN.

Hon. C. P. CHATER, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.

J. S. MOSES, Esq.

S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.

G. E. NOBLE, Esq.

Bankers.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

THE Objects for which this Company are
formed are to transact in the Colony of
Hongkong and its Dependencies, the
Purchases and Sales of Property, to advance
monies on Mortgage, to undertake the
Management and Agency of Estates, and
generally to carry on any Business in con-
nection with Landed Property.

The latest information can be had on
application at the Company's Offices, No.
7, Queen's Road Central.

ALEXANDER LEVY,
Secretary (Pro tem.).

Hongkong, 20th March, 1889.

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CHINESE PILOTAGE SERVICE.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice
is hereby given that on MONDAY, the
8th April, 1889, there will be held a
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION in the
Harbour Master's Office at Newchwang,
to fill a VACANCY occurring in the New-
chwang Pilotage Service. All those who
have their names down on the List of
Candidates are qualified to compete.

J. ARMOUR,
Harbour Master.

Approved:—

W. B. RUSSELL,
Acting Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House,

Newchwang, February 14, 1889.

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HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAM-
WAYS COMPANY, Ltd.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

8 to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.

12 " 2 p.m. half hour.

3 " 7 p.m. quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.

NIGHT TRAMS 10:45 and 11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

10:40 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. every half hour.

5 to 7 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

Special CARS may be obtained on
application to the SUPERINTENDENT.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-
Cent Coupons and REDUCED TICKETS at the
Office.

MacEWEN, PRICKEL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 2, 1889.

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8 to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.

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ROOMS in 'COLLIER CHAMBERS.'

Apply to
DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.
Hongkong, December 12, 1888. 504

TO LET.

GROUND FLOOR of HOUSE No. 63,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Possession from 1st April next.Apply to
LAI HING & CO.,
No. 153, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, March 13, 1889. 475

TO LET.

(With Immediate Possession.)

NOS. 1, 2 & 4, QUEEN'S GARDENS.
Apply to
G. C. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central.
Hongkong, March 14, 1889. 147

TO LET.

2ND FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 64, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL.
Possession from 1st April next.Apply to
LAI HING & CO.,
No. 153, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, February 25, 1889. 367

TO LET.

PEAK—'LA HABIGENDA,' formerly
occupied by Sir George Phillips.Apply to
H. N. MODY,
Victoria Buildings.
Hongkong, December 12, 1888. 2096

TO LET.

N. 2. MORRISON HILL
Entry 1st April.Apply to
G. C. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central.
Hongkong, February 25, 1889. 363

TO LET.

THE GROUND FLOOR of HOUSE
No. 4, BUREAU BUILDINGS.
Possession from the 1st April next.For Particulars, apply to
HOLLIDAY, WINE & CO.
Hongkong, March 14, 1889. 488

For Sale.

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JULES MUMM & CO.'s
CHAMPAGNE,
Quarts—\$20 per Case of 1 doz.
Pints—\$1 " " 2 "
Dubos Frères & de Gernon & Co.'s
BORDEAUX CLARETS AND
WHITE WINES.Barker's Celebrated 'Barley Bree'
WHISKY—\$7 per Case of 1 doz.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

Notices to Consignees.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
STEAMSHIP PREUNSEN,
FROM BREMEN AND PORTS
OF CALL.

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., KOWLOON, whence delivery may be obtained.

OPTIONAL CARGO will be landed here in Hongkong unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-morrow, the 22nd Instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd Instant will be subject to re-charge.

All Goods left here in damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd April at 4 p.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 4th April, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 21, 1889. 549

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE S.S. GLAMORGANSHIRE, FROM
HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON,
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO. LTD., KOWLOON, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th Instant will be subject to re-charge.

All Goods left here in damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 27th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 21, 1889. 542

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:ADAM W. SPENS, American barque, Capt.
A. D. Field—Russell & Co.HARRY E. TAYLOR, British barque, Capt.
J. McConachy—Gibb, Livingston & Co.PACIFIC, American ship, Capt. Th. D.
Burnham—Fustau & Co.BRIGGS, German barque, Captain P.
Werner—Werner & Co.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL
THIS EVENING,
Saturday, 23rd March, at 9 p.m.AMY SHERWIN,
The distinguished PRIMA DONNA of COVENT
GARDEN, HER MAJESTY'S CRYSTAL
PALACE, &c.,Acknowledged by Press and Public to be
the most accomplished Lyric Artistes
who has ever visited the East.SUPPORTED BY HER
ENGLISH OPERA COMPANY.BALFE'S ENTIRE OPERA
'THE SLEEPING QUEEN,'

preceded by a Popular Concert.

Box Plan at KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PARSED SUZI CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—*Paduworth*, Feb. 19; *Spinifex*, 22; *Lancet*, Mar. 1; *Lauret*, *Palisurus*, *Wakfeld*, 5; *Nivus*, *Guy Mannequin*, *Nantes*, 8; *Glenlivit*, *Palamed*, *Mogul*, 12; *Isr*, *Bendler*, 15.HOMEWARD BOUND.—*Yorksire*, Feb. 8; *Chingay*, *Glencairn*, *Pat-odus*, *Duke of Westminster*, *Zambesi*, Mar. 5; *Mernefeshire*, *Port Victor*, 8; *Braunschweig*, *Diamond*, *Heijera*, *Weselmath*, 12; *Melbourne*, *Riverside*, *Namong*, 15.The P. M. Co.'s *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of February 21st, left Yokohama on Monday, 18th instant, at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 24th inst.The *Irrawaddy*, with the French Mail of February 22, left Singapore on Thursday, the 21st inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 28th instant. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Jan. 16.The Canadian Pacific S. Co.'s *Batavia* left Vancouver for Japan, etc., on the 19th instant.The Union Line a. s. *Stassie*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 17th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 24th inst.The O. S. S. Co.'s a. s. *Bellerophon*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 18th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 25th inst.The P. & O. extra steamer *Teschen*, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port on Tuesday, 15th instant, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 26th inst.The O. S. S. Co.'s a. s. *Cyclops*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 21st inst., and may be expected here on or about the 28th inst.The s.s. *Thibet*, left Bombay for this port on the 22nd inst.

ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—3RD SUNDAY IN LENT.

Matins.—Voluntary, *Guadalu*; *Venite Novello*; *Psalmis*, *Camidio*, *Kirkwood* & *Traversi* *Te Deum*, *Gosa* No. 92; *Jubilate*, *Garrett* No. 87; *Antiphon*; *Jesus, word of God* No. 23; *Litanies*; *Hymn*, 263; *Voluntary*, *Handel*.Evangelio.—*Voluntary*, *Reinagle*; *Psalmis*, *Fitzherbert* No. 2; *Magnificat*, *Smart*; *Nunc Dimittis*, *Monk*; *Hymn*, 254, 281 & 464; *Voluntary*, *Mendelssohn*.The Superintendent of the P. & O. Company informs us that the extra steamer *Thibet* left Bombay for here on Friday, 22nd inst., at 2 p.m.

We are requested to state that the usual services cannot take place in the German Chapel on Sunday, March 24th and 31st.

JOHN DELANCHI, the West-Indian seaman, who is charged with the murder of a Chinaman named Cheung Achun in East Street, on the 12th inst., has been committed for trial at next Criminal Sessions.

DIVINE SERVICE FOR SEAMEN.—On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch carrying the Bethel flag will call alongside any vessel hoisting code pendant C, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's Seamen's Church, returning about 12.30.

The Spoon competition of the Hongkong Rifle Association took place this afternoon at the 600 yards range, and was won with the excellent score of 47 out of a possible 50 by Mr E. L. Woodin, Mr Ford being second with a score of 44. There were 28 competitors.

HON. J. M. Price on leaving Hongkong to-day for S. S. Oceanic had a cordial 'send off', a good many residents going to the wharf to bid him good-bye, and a number of his friends going on board the steamer to take leave of him. Cheers were raised as the steamer got under weigh and innumerable crackers were fired.

Four coolies were brought before Mr Wodehouse, in the Police Court this morning, in connection with a very daring case of robbery committed the other day. The charge was that of assaulting a Chinaman and robbing him of \$3 80 and a pair of trousers. Mr H. L. Mather, Lighthouse-keeper at Green Island, who witnessed the robbery, gave the following evidence:—About a quarter before one o'clock in the afternoon of the 14th inst., I was in Hillier Street, and saw the first prisoner and three others, whom I could not identify, having hold of a Chinaman. The first prisoner had hold of the man's purse in one hand, and a knife in the other, and was cutting away at the purse. He cut the belt in two pieces. Two other men were holding the man's feet. The man was lying on his face on the ground and was surrounded by men. There was a great number of people in the street at the time. The man's coat was pulled over his face and he could not call out. When the four men saw me they all ran away in different directions. The prisoner threw the purse at me while I was pursuing him. I afterwards looked to see what was in it and found it contained \$3 80. I returned to the man who had been robbed. He did not appear to be much hurt.—The first prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to six months' hard labour, but the other, not having been identified, was discharged.

Corrie is not a beverage in public favour in England, probably because few people know how to make it properly. But now it is threatened with a rival. In the island of Réunion is a plant known as the wild orange, which produces a fruit, green at first, afterwards yellow and verging into purple as it ripens. This has been tested and found to make a beverage in every way equal to coffee, and at a much lower price. The product is called 'Mincasse', and can be used alone, or mixed with pure coffee. It is announced that about 24,000 acres of this plant are now being cultivated. It is most likely, however, that coffee more than coffee, will suffer from the introduction of 'Mincasse'.

The *Kobe Advertiser*, a small daily four-page sheet, devoted entirely to advertisements, shipping intelligence, market quotations, and trade statistics, printed in English, was started in Kobe on the 7th inst., the printers being Chinese, and the publisher a Japanese.JOHN ERICSON, whose death Ruter announced the other day, is thus referred to in *Men of the Time*:—

ERICSON, John, was born July 31st, 1803, in the village of Wermland, Sweden. His father was a proprietor of mines; his brother, Baron Nils Ericson, became chief of Swedish railways. At twelve he was made a cadet of engineers; at thirteen a midshipman on the great ship canal intersecting Sweden; at seventeen he entered the army, and in 1827 was promoted captain by King Charles John (Bernadotte). In 1826 he constructed a flame engine, and went to London to introduce it, and there resigned his commission. He produced in rapid succession an instrument for sea-sounding, a hydrostatic weighing machine, and others, which, though not adopted, were of great interest. In 1836 he competed with Stephenson for the historical Liverpool and Manchester Railway prize, for which he built the locomotive 'Novelty', which was said to excel in lightness, elegance, and speed all other competitors, but Stephenson's proved superior in point of economy.

The same year he invented a steam fire-engine, employed in the presence of Wellington, in putting out a fire threatening to destroy the Argyle Rooms; in 1833, he constructed the famous engine and won in 1833 the ship 'Ericson' of 2,000 tons, propelled by the motor. A sea trial from New York to Washington was made, and blazed great conflagrations, but it speeded through with steam. More than 6,000 engines—machines for domestic purposes have been built up to 1889.

In 1836 Ericson invented and patented the screw propeller which has revolutionized navigation. In 1837 he built a screw vessel which towed the American packet-ship 'Trenton' on the Thames. In 1839 he was invited to visit America, where he designed, 1841, for the U. S. Government, the screw-propelled warship 'Princeton', with machinery placed below water line. This, the pioneer of screw warships, carried a 12-inch wrought iron gun designed by Ericson, also a wrought iron gun carriage which could turn up without breaching. To the great alarm of the Chinese, he had invented some philosophical instruments, a pyrometer, an air thermometer, a sea-level, and other devices. In 1844 he offered the plan of a turret vessel to Napoleon III, and in 1861 built for the U. S. Government, in 100 days, the iron-clad 'Monitor', which, March 9th, 1862, defeated, in Hampton Roads, the Confederate iron-clad 'Merrimac' that had just destroyed the 'Cumberland' and 'Congress', and was about to destroy the rest of the wooden fleet. Other monitors won many naval battles, and Ericson's system was taken up by European nations and carried out by them on a very large scale. He later was vessel 'the Destroyer', carrying a submarine 10-inch gun, which discharged a 100-lb. iron-cotton in a single projectile against the iron-clad's belt beneath the armor belt. His later scientific studies include computations of the influences that retard the earth's rotary motion, and the intensity of solar heat. His sun-motor, erected in 1833, develops a steady power, obtained from the inexhaustible supply of direct mechanical energy stored up in the sun. This motor is not patented, being intended by the designer as a contribution to applied science. Ericson resides in New York.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-SHIP CO.

The sixth ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of this company was held at the office of the Company to-day. Mr W. H. Forbes, Chairman of the Company, presided, and there were also present: Messrs D. Gillies, W. Legge, E. W. Rutter, A. Dow, G. H. Potts, S. A. Joseph, G. A. Tomes, and R. Shewan (Secretary) —

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your hands for some time past, I shall, with your permission, take them as read. The figures speak for themselves, and it gives me much pleasure to be able to lay such a statement before you, after the uphill work we have had with this company in former years. We are now in a very satisfactory position, both steamers being in good order, and standing in the books of the Company at a reasonable valuation. We can't expect, of course, to repeat the last year's business, as we have rather more opposition on the line now; but the Americans are making very good earnings and there seem every prospect of their continuing to do well during the rest of the year. I offer passing the accounts to the chairman of the committee for the year.

No question was asked.

The Chairman.—As there are no questions, I now propose that the report and accounts be now read.

Mr Rutter seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The Chairman.—With regard to the consulting committee, in accordance with the resolution of last meeting Mr D. Gillies was appointed a member of the Consulting Committee, and his appointment requires confirmation. Unless the shareholders nominate anyone else, I suppose it must be left to the General Managers. The remuneration of members of the Consulting Committee is, as you know, merely nominal, and perhaps it would be well to make it an adequate recompence.

Mr Legge.—I have great pleasure in proposing that the appointment of the consulting Committee, with the exception of Mr Gillies, be left to the General Managers, and that the remuneration of their remuneration be left to the General Managers.

The Chairman.—It is only five dollars now, do you propose that it should be increased?

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Mr E. W. Rutter seconded, and the motion was adopted.

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FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.—That the Colony has lost a good servant in Captain Deane, and it seems now-a-days peculiar that he was allowed to depart without a word from the community.

That the Captain Superintendent never got full credit for what he did, because, being a man of spirit and independence and with a little more sturdy than Riable, he trod on the corns of more than one occupant of Government House. That the weak point in his Department has always been the Detective Branch, which is not greatly to be wondered at under the circumstances.

That Mr John Macneil Price has left us at last, though there were many points in his public policy which could not well be endorsed, yet take him all in all he has been the best Surveyor General we ever had, and he leaves behind him imperishable records of his ability and devotedness to the public service.

That it is to be hoped Her Majesty the Queen will show her appreciation of his efforts as a public servant in this Colony—efforts which have seriously impaired his health.

That he may now be acquitted of all his official faults, and these may be set down in great measure to the System of autocratic Government adopted in Crown Colonies.

That Mr Price's remarks in reply to the Hon. P. Ryrie's well-turned speech, were, if few, well chosen.

That the words and the speaker's connection with our Colony will long remain a pleasant recollection to his hearers.

That I am informed that the Acting Registrar General, who is now a barrister-at-law, has filled his 'honourable' seat in Council in a very natural and dignified manner, as becomes the member who for the first time here represents nine-tenths of the human race resident in Hongkong.

That the famous Praya Reclamation Ordinance, the draft of which nobody will own, has been amended and read a first time, its christening having been made the occasion of one of the most remarkable State papers that Hongkong has yet met with.

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That there are no mistake here—and I fancy there must be—then there must be more than one screw loose in the Colonial Office; for the ship so approved and so carefully considered had to be amended in several important particulars before its first reading.

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